



BOROUGH OF LONGPORT

Office of the Mayor
823-2731 x. 100

For Immediate Release: October 20, 2022

Contact: Mayor Nicholas Russo
(609) 823-2731 ext. 100

The Borough of Longport Begins Planning for the Municipality's 125th Birthday Celebration

*Longport Board of Commissioners requesting volunteers for a 125th Anniversary of Incorporation
Committee to help plan celebratory event*

The Borough of Longport is planning to party like it's 1998, again. Nearly 25 years ago, preparations were underway to celebrate the Borough of Longport's Centennial of Incorporation. Now, Mayor Nick Russo and Commissioners Jim Leeds, Sr., and Dan Lawler, are looking to form a committee of volunteers to help plan the celebration of Longport's 125th or Quasquicentennial Anniversary of Incorporation on March 7, 2023.

Longport officials have decided that there will be cake and a celebration on March 7, 2023. Local dignitaries, residents, and friends will all be invited to join in the day's festivities. The committee will help plan special events to commemorate this historic occasion. Should there be a time capsule, the dedication of a plaque, a poetry or essay contest? The 125th Anniversary Committee will help make big decisions for this important day and the months to follow.

Nearly 25 years ago, the Longport Centennial of Incorporation Committee had planned the following events: a re-enactment of the first 1898 commission meeting, a "Centennial Open" golf tournament, a Town Party was held in the summer, and the large room on the second floor of Borough Hall was renovated and dedicated as "Centennial Hall."

What will Longport's quasquicentennial look like? Help decide by volunteering your time on the 125th Anniversary Committee. There will be several meetings throughout the year for members to attend and help might be needed for special events. The first meeting will be held in November. If you like party planning and are able to volunteer, please email your contact information to clerk@longport-nj.us or call 609.823.2731 ext. 100.

"The Borough of Longport has a proud history on Absecon Island and at one point provided land for grazing and also served as a terminus for the ferry to Ocean City. Although the community has changed a lot over the last 25 years, we are proud of our uniqueness of living in an area surrounded by water on three sides," said Mayor Nick Russo.

According to information obtained online from the Library of Congress:

The Borough of Longport, incorporated in 1898, belong to that category of seaside resort towns that were established by developers during the late 19th century, after the areas were opened up by the railroads. While the other Absecon Island Communities Margate and Ventnor, located just south of Atlantic City were originally part of Atlantic City sharing the same developmental history, Longport the smallest and most southern of the towns of Absecon Island, developed independently.

Longport continues this independent spirit as a quiet and largely residential seaside community that generations of families have been happy to call home.

###

Historic American Buildings Survey, C., Long, J. & McCullough, M. S. (1933) *Town of Longport, South end of Absecon Island on County Road 629, Longport, Atlantic County, NJ.* New Jersey Longport Atlantic County, 1933. Madridmitter, trans Documentation Compiled After. [Photograph] Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/item/nj1320/>.